

REMARKS

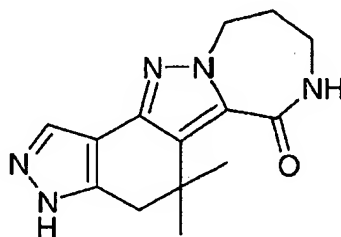
In the Restriction Requirement issued on August 29, 2006, the Office Action imposed a fourteen-way restriction requirement, which required that applicants elect a species for purposes of a search if they elected Group VI.

In the response dated November 28, 2006, applicants elected Group VI and elected the species of Formula (Id) wherein B is a pyrazole ring, r is 3 and A is $\text{CH}_2\text{-C}(\text{CH}_3)_2$.

In a telephone conference with the Examiner Freistein with the undersigned on December 28, 2006, Examiner Freistein requested clarification of the species election.

In order to be responsive to the clarification request by Examiner Freistein and to expedite prosecution by avoiding the issuance of another Official Action, applicants reiterate the species election indicated in the Response dated November 28, 2006, and hereinabove. This species specifically fits the formula of compound 160, listed in Claim 22 on Page 69 of the above-identified application, *viz.* 5,5-dimethyl-4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10-hexahydro [1, 4] diazepino [1, 2-b] pyrazolo- [3, 4-g]indazol-6(3H)-one, the specific species elected.

This species has the following structure:



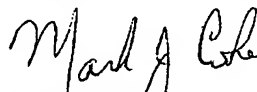
Thus, it has a structure of the Formula Id, where B is a pyrazole ring, r is 3 and A is $\text{CH}_2\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_2$, as indicated in the aforementioned Response.

This supplemental response and the election herein are not meant to replace the aforementioned response, but to supplement it. The response earlier filed is incorporated herein,

including the summary of the telephone conference of October 23, 2006 between Examiner Freistein and Peter I. Bernstein, in which Examiner Freistein indicated that, in addition to Claims 1-12, Group VI should also have listed Claims 13-22 and 27.

In view of the rationale provided in the aforementioned response, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw the restriction requirement and provide an action on the merits with respect to all of the claimed subject matter.

Respectfully submitted,



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